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Dear Cliff:

My last letter did start from a false premise, but I was glad to hear of it. The last time I had talked to you about induction, you were wrestling with the problem whether the cytoplasmic processes could account for the transfer.

The mechanism of virus transmission has its own ambiguities of course. The main evidence for an ~~extracellular~~ intercellular route is the continued growth of pocks in the presence of large amounts of antiserum which should have sufficed to neutralized free virus.

The only point I would still make is too obvious to need discussion, that there is some virtue in considering the two processes ~~as~~ as related aspects of what may be the same phenomenon; the only way this will materialize into anything would be for someone to handle the two in parallel. Whether what came out would be a contribution to virology, or embryology, or both, hardly matters.

I hope we have some chance to talk about this some more.

Good luck,

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